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## Thru The Peepsight

G. I. Summary  
Of World News  
By SGT. E. E. WHITEMORE

The first anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor was just another day this week as Americans the world over got on with the task of winning a war and a permanent peace.

On the sands of North African deserts in the slit trenches of the Solomon Islands and in the ice-bound Aleutian Islands, American soldiers and sailors looked at grimy calendars last Monday and remembered Dec. 7, 1941, when many of them were still at home or in Army camps in the USA. Then they turned to the business of storming Axis strongholds at Tunis and Bizerte and of driving the Japs from Guadalcanal, New Guinea, and the Aleutian Islands.

Back home, 17,500 war workers kept at their jobs with no observance of the fact that "day that will live in infamy" and 110,000 Americans remembered the day too, but looked forward to Dec. 7, 1943, instead of over their shoulders to Dec. 7, 1941.

The war news could not be termed "good," but it was encouraging. Communists and the United Nations, gathering men and materiel for a tremendous drive in Tunis and Bizerte which the Nazis were still holding despite heavy losses. Those back home reading "between the lines" knew that the Germans in North Africa had their war "cut out for them" in that campaign, but they also knew that it would take a lot of Nazis and Italians to completely stop the Hitlerites prepared to inflict one-sided victory on the United Nations. The war was "on, late with too little" this time.

Across the narrow Mediterranean, the Italians were evacuating their much-bombed coastal cities and the Nazis were working frantically to strengthen their defenses along the coast of southern France, fearing an Allied second thrust there if North Africa becomes a German "Dunkirk."

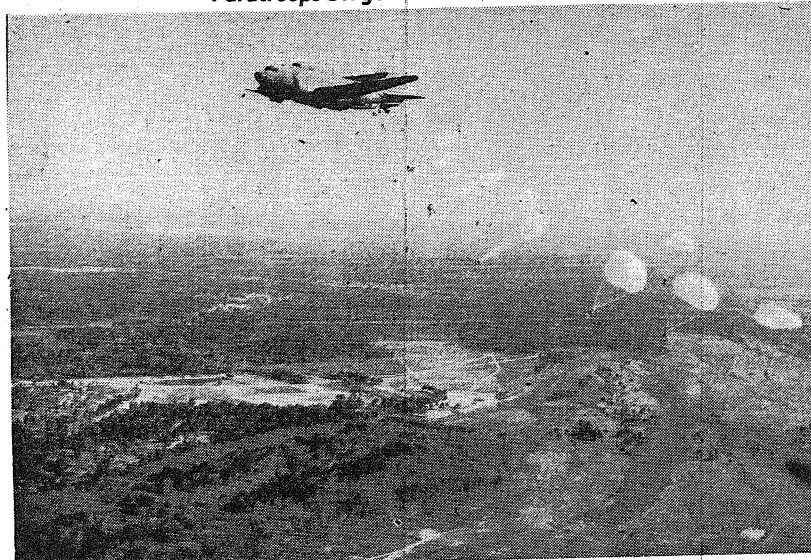
In the Solomons, the Americans were gaining inch by inch against the determined Japs, but by huge losses sustained in recent battles with the U. S. Navy. On the other Pacific Islands, such as New Guinea, the Aussies and the Americans continued to advance against the Japs who were fighting this time with their backs against the sea.

Perhaps the most stirring news this week was the report of U. S. production during the last 12 months. The Office of War Information reported that the nation during 1942 will have produced approximately 4,000 planes, 32,000 tanks and self-propelled artillery, 17,000 anti-aircraft guns, 8,200,000 tons of metal, aircraft machine guns and thousands of auto and truck carriers.

The Navy told the story of Pearl Harbor, a story zealous driving the Japs from Guadalcanal. Americans worked like mad to make the harbor stronger and larger than before the Japs bombed it last December.

Rationing was still the topic of conversation in the United States in the form of a rationing system of rationing known as the "Point" system which will be used with War Ration Book No. 2 to ration certain commodities not yet announced. The system will not replace straight couponing ration.

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View of mass parachute attack by Benning jumpers.

## 505 Paratroopers 'Take' Orlando In Spectacular Air Maneuvers

Raid Filmed by Crack Cameraman; Parapup Sights Cat; Trees Same

BY CAPT. BARNEY OLDFIELD

ORLANDO, Fla.—With potato grenades, two companies of the 505th Parachute Infantry took over this piece of the orange belt last week in two days of mock invasion by vertical envelopment.

Call to the Florida midlands was sourced in the defense board headed by Col. M. K. Deichelman, who brought Brig. Gen. George P. Howell, commanding the 1st Parachute Infantry Brigade, and Col. James M. Gavin, 505th C. O., into the plans for the test of an air defense battalion at Orlando.

It was a two-day, round-the-clock, "toughly oriented" on the sand tables before the takeoff.

When the flight and the jump were made, those who were inclined to wish the parachutists had a better chance, found they didn't need it. Lt. Sayre's A company, the second to C company commanded by Capt. J. E. McGinty.

The haul was the longest from base to jump, any training jump so far attempted in this airfield by parachutists—375 air miles.

To gain the proper air superiority of fighters and dive bombers, planes from Jacksonville, Fla., were called upon to rendezvous and strike some 20 minutes before arrival of the transports—theoretical bombing ground installations which could menace the aerial delivery of fighting men.

The 505th Parachute Infantry played it hard all the way. A single company was to be thrown against a battalion in each of the initial tests, and there was some shyness on the part of the paratroopers to get it wasn't fair, that the paratroopers couldn't be expected to do much, but to do the best they could.

### MAKE QUICK SNAPS

Treated as a legitimate combat operation, the 505th came crew flew over the Orlando fields at 50,000 feet, made quick stops and scurried back to Benning four days in advance of the attack date. Photos were rushed through developing tanks, other members of the intelligence platoon converted the prints quickly into sand tables. Every man in each company was

### Pay Increase Is Approved

Details Promised In Daily Bulletin

Officers at Fort Benning will be notified through the Daily Bulletin as soon as the Finance Department receives the recommendations regarding payment of increased basic pay allowances. Col. J. H. McFall, post Finance Officer announced to day.

President Roosevelt has signed legislation which, for purposes of computing pay, allows officers full pay for the time an enlisted man or officer in the National Guard or various other reserve forces, according to word received from Washington.

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No directive has yet been received from Washington, and it probably will take time for full information to be sent out to various posts, Col. McFall pointed out.

### BUBBLE POPPED

The old bubble about paratroopers being at the mercy of ground troops in the air was certainly popped, because the 505th crew was on the ground quickly from 11 planes, the time consumed by the defenders getting in the way of the assault. The court martial sees fit to impose. In cases where absence of any day is construed as desertion, the death penalty may be invoked.

### PREVIOUS LIMITS OFF

The previous limits of punishment for absence without leave were suspended by the table which was suspended by President Roosevelt's executive order, were prescribed to meet peace time conditions, and not those of wartime. Under the new conditions, an unauthorized absence is a serious offense, especially in cases where it is proved that there was an attempt or intent to evade or shirk hazardous or important service, may be desertion; punishment of which is death or such other punishment as the court-martial may direct.

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## Training At Post School Produces Polished MP's

Col. Will Directs Program For Police

Based on methods of the Infantry School, the Military Police School at Fort Benning believed to be the only one of its sort in the country—is turning out a new type of personnel, as different from the hardboiled, rough-listed, sharp-tongued MP of World War I days as the present day civilian officer of the post.

At present he is assigned to the Headquarters of the 1st Battalion, the Intelligence Officer.

### Gator Lieut. Named Captain

1st Lt. Robert E. Turner, Jr. of Miami, Fla., has been promoted to the rank of Captain, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. Henry W. McMillan, Jr., regimental commander, 124th Infantry.

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who have previously gone through the training.

After the graduates of the school become proficient and efficient MP's, through several months of service as actual police, some are transferred in the "trainin' laboratories" about the Post, there they are then shipped out in groups as cadres for other military reservations, through the Fourth Service Command.

At the conclusion of the course, each man is awarded a certificate.

Lieut. Ward also has been inducted for several organizations through the reservation, and these men now are at work giving training to men of those organizations who are called on to do police work in their respective areas.

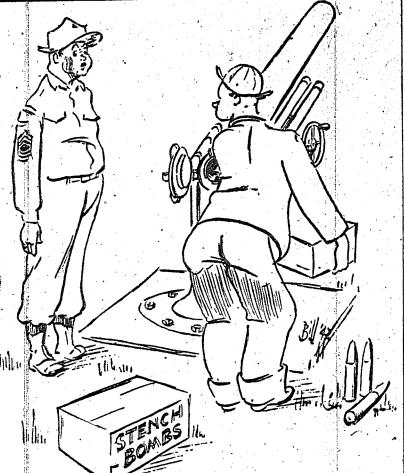
"The Military Policeman of to-

day is as different from the "Gator" of World War I in much the same degree that the civilian police force of our country has changed," Col. Will said, commenting on the school. "Modern methods of crime detection and scientific research is changing the old time 'copper' into a modern police officer. In the same way it must be with those whose duty it is to be policemen in the Army. We need good, capable men who know their work. After a four weeks course at this new Military school, students will be sent to the post where they are given instruction to do this new and better type of military work."

Assisting Lieut. Ward in charge of the course of instruction, which is laid out on the same basis as the course in the Infantry School, are three men. Robert A. Sharpen, Lt. Col. Leonard A. Specter, who was an attorney in civilian life, is in charge of criminal investigation and military law courses. The others are Sgt. Ike Bentley, Sgt. Lester K. Pittman and Pfc. Bernard Lundgren.

The Day Room of the Military Police barracks is the class room, and the various intersections and MP posts on the main post of the Fort are the laboratories where the men receive both class room and practical training under the watchful eyes of men.

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### Benning Heir-Raid

Compled By Sgt. Peter Lorino  
Capt. and Mrs. Oberon B. Jones, Nov. 26, 802nd Field Artillery.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. William Williams, boy, Nov. 26, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 505th Parachute Infantry Regt.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Starling I. Roberts, boy, Nov. 27, Hq. Co., 28th

Parachute Training Regt.

Pvt. and Mrs. Donald B. Foley, Nov. 28, Service Co., 181st Infantry, 38th Division, Carabelli, Fla.

1st Lt. and Mrs. Averly M. Nelson, boy, Nov. 28, 420th Armored Field Artillery.

1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert A. Sharpen, boy, Nov. 28, Co. "B," 507th Parachute Infantry.

1st Lt. and Mrs. John F. Hardin, boy, Nov. 28, Academic Dept., ISSC.

2nd Lt. and Mrs. Russell Lopasso, boy, Nov. 28, 9th Co., 2nd Bn., 2nd Student Training Regt.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Frank M. Hart, girl, Nov. 29, Hq. Co., 124th Infantry.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. James A. Waterhouse, boy, Dec. 3, B & C School.

1st Lt. and Mrs. Carl J. Gormley, boy, Nov. 29, Academic Dept., ISSC.

Sgt. and Mrs. Davey H. Lane, boy, Nov. 29, Co. "L," 29th Infantry.

Pvt. and Mrs. Ed. Nichols, girl,

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## Can You Spare A Room?

The Bayonet this week carries a story about the more than usual over-crowded housing conditions which will prevail over the Christmas holiday season. Since only a very limited number of military personnel can travel to their homes, it is only natural that families will want to come here over Christmas.

We have one suggestion which might help. Officers and non-commissioned officers on the post who have guest rooms can, if they wish, open these rooms for a few days and thus make a few more families happy. If you wish to do this, telephone the post billeting office, 3505, and register your name and address.

Private rooms are choked downtown and every available hotel room has been reserved long ago. But spite of these warnings, wives and friends will continue to come. The best advice is to warn your families and friends not to come without a definite room reserved, but those families now on the post can help the situation by making a room available where it is possible.

## Military Fairyland

Of course, everyone knows that the Infantry School has a just and legitimate claim to fame. It has for several reasons. Not the least is its ability to keep its students on their collective and individual toes. But it has another reason which some people might consider vastly more important. It can take things from its grab-bag and make them amusing. What's more, the amusing things serve to teach us in a very thorough way. We've been noting some of them—but we've decided that the tactics committees really pull them out of the bag in a flashing, colorful way.

For purposes of this panegyric, we'll forget all the diabolical things the tactics committees are able to do. They are the things we prefer to forgive (but not forget). For other purposes, we point to the sand table. More specifically, to the sand table of Captain Westlake. We are sure that there never has been a sand table of greater interest and greater color than Captain Westlake's. We went to the sand table demonstration (PW also) with some misgivings. Several of us thought that our hours in the first two or three grades were ample enough on sand table and blocks. But then we remembered that blocks in the army have proven very disconcerting. (i.e. They appear on various and sundry IQ tests.) So we decided that this sand table might be a little grimmer, and perhaps another chapter in Jungle Jim-ology. So we sat down, just a bit apprehensive. (We might point out here to the doubting that apprehension is SOP for an Officer Candidate.) Then out came Captain Westlake. The sand table was already there. And we started to play.

First, we built a few hills. And then put in a few roads and a railroad and a stream and (just for the fun of it) a tributary stream. All this was done to the accompaniment of an amazing bit of play-as we've been privileged to hear. The stories poured out as the sand poured out. One assisted the other so nicely that we weren't quite sure which was the more interesting.

There were about six or seven visiting paratroopers present—and even those stalwarts were chuckling and definitely engrossed. Especially when the Captain started sprinkling the foliage—a bit of this for trees, a bit of that for wheat fields; a bit of white for cotton, a bit of the same for snow. A little GI trinket for a bridge, and a bit of GI sponge dipped in GI ink stuck on a GI paper clip for trees. It was enchanting. Another new world opened for us, one of many at the Infantry School. We even worked a tactical problem, forgot all about the GT approaching, and sprinkled along with the Captain, merrily adding hazards, planting riflemen, posting observers, and in general planning and making a reconnaissance.

The instruments for all this make-believe, the Captain pointed out, were very simple. Hitherto, we have always prepared for a jolt when we heard that phrase "very simple." We remember too well that simple display of motorized troop movements, of pulling trucks out by simple complexities like winches. But this turned out to be just that. Just a table—any size. A bag of sand—engineer's. A little roller which, when operated in the facile hand of the Captain, seemed most effective. A road maker—easily constructed. A railroad maker—done with the same ease. Shakers of green and yellow calamine, an ad bit of white chalk. We liked it. We also will use it. Indeed, we wish we had one all to ourselves, to haul around and pull out on tactics and just set up any kind of terrain. It is a School Solution that's neat—and that's more than we can say for just any old bag of sand in any old school.

## Why The O. C. S.

Each graduate O. C. S. class is an expression of confidence that America has voiced in her men. There is a deeper significance to being an officer than just the wearing of bars and insignia. A real officer is a man to the fullest extent, a man of exemplary character, courage and understanding. Graduates should be everlastingly reminded that behind their being commissioned, that behind all the training given at Fort Benning, that behind every one of our united efforts lies a deadly earnestness to win this war at all costs.

The men who successfully complete the course should have engraven in their minds the picture of soldiers dying in Bataan, who gave their lives unselfishly, heroically and without pomp that America might live. Behind each turning gear, each furrowed acre,

each drilled platoon lies spilled American blood. We must never forget that.

There is more to being an officer than just the basking in the sunshine of personal admiration and ambition. Men entrusted with this honor must feel that their work is only beginning, that the real test of their character is yet to come; and that in each one has been placed the duty to acquit himself nobly and fully whenever and wherever called upon, so that America will continue to live as the symbol of justice and freedom.

We are relying upon our officers to lead us to victory. This can only be done when each one of us performs his job with the feeling and determination that he is contributing to the mighty effort of a mighty people to liberate the world from tyranny.

Each American death on the battlefield is a fervent appeal to us, the living, to fight on and redouble our efforts in this titanic struggle for human rights. Each graduate of officer candidate should take with him some of that glorious fervor and determination so unselfishly expressed by those who died for us, as a reminder, as a goad, urging him to spare no effort to prove that "they shall not have died in vain."

O. C. Stanley L. Wojcik

11th Co., 1st STR.

## A Design For Living

"This stand is run by a disabled World War Veteran" . . . The sign was swaying with the mild westerly wind . . . Resembling the aftermath of a storm, the dim-lighted street seemed quiet and dignified . . . The little newspaper stand was closing for the night; no more till to-morrow . . .

"Hey, Mister," I yelled, "got a Sun?" "Yeah, I think so; you're lucky, it's the last one." In answer to my thanks, he muttered an incoherent phrase, and proceeded to snap the lock . . . His deliberate actions attracted my attention; the significance of the sign "Disabled World War Veteran" then occurred to me . . . He was blind.

"D'ya go my way?" he asked expectantly . . . Tucking his arm under mine, we started to walk.

Suddenly the macabre stillness of the night was pierced by staccato-like shots . . . My companion receded . . . It was only the backfiring of an auto . . . We resumed walking . . . I guess you noticed how tense I became; that's an old hangover . . . Yeah, goes back a long time . . . Ya see I wuz Pvt. Joe Collins then? He looked at me knowingly as if sensing my inexperience . . . "Up," he continued, "War! That wuz only another adventure." All the while he kept looking at me as if wondering whether I followed his faltering speech. At times he sounded tired; then suddenly his face would light up with "Ya see, I wuz a lot to this country . . . made some money . . . nice family . . . even a little home . . . What more could a man want?"

He paused and then . . . "The next month we went to the front. That same night my company, on advance control, wuz struck." He continued quietly, "I wuz the only one left . . . Lemme tell ya son, I volunteered for this one, too; but it seemed I couldn't fit in."

I think we both understood one another. Our parting left me in a semi-stupor; the way home was punctuated by my steps dawdling—a bit of this for trees, a bit of that for wheat fields; a bit of white for cotton, a bit of the same for snow. A little GI trinket for a bridge, and a bit of GI sponge dipped in GI ink stuck on a GI paper clip for trees. It was enchanting. Another new world opened for us, one of many at the Infantry School. We even worked a tactical problem, forgot all about the GT approaching, and sprinkled along with the Captain, merrily adding hazards, planting riflemen, posting observers, and in general planning and making a reconnaissance.

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Joe's "I couldn't fit in" has been transformed into "we MUST fit in" . . . This has become our battle cry for the American Way which converts every available resource into a double-barreled cannon blasting its way to the preservation of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

O. C. A. S. Franklin  
13th Co., 3rd STR.

WHICH ONE?

A couple stepped into a church and were made one. Then they stepped into their car and the question was—"Which one?"

Husbands—do you live to get the best of your wife, or to bring out the best in her?

Wives—do you live to make your husband comfortable, or to make him great?

Money talks. To some it is the most eloquent speaker in the world. But even money says—"In God we trust." Worship of anything else is un-American.

Subversive forces don't wear tages, or boast a foreign label;

They work if folks like you and me.

Don't do what we are able.

Golfers were once described as "men with the hoof-and-mouth disease." They hoofed it around all day and talked about it all night.

The same disease now seems to be spreading to holders of gas ration cards. But people are discovering again those evenings at home which save both gas and hoofing.

The word INDIVIDUALISTIC has five I's and only one U. The word UNITY has one I and one U. The U comes first.

## When Heel Meets Heel



## Sgt. McDonald's Basket

BY SGT TOM McDONALD

December the 7th has come and gone. A year of disaster, and the framework of victory has been ours. This year Americans can look forward to Christmas with zeal and confidence in the future. Perhaps the spirit and hope for what the New Year has to offer has prompted so many of Ft. Benning's yardbirds to write to Santa Claus.

But of Saint Nick is a very busy man this year. He's doing his best to do his duty on Guadalcanal, India, Europe and North Africa. From the frozen steppes of Alaska to the shores of Tripoli the reindeer are prancing. Santa remembers that the little boys whose stockings he used to fill are now carrying heavy packs of their own. Each and all are doing their part to help keep the Christmas spirit permanent.

Still O! Santa Claus isn't forgetting that we've got plenty of eager boys on duty over here too and not only will he answer each and every letter but he intends to see that each and every sender has a happy holiday.

The first letter on Saint Nick's hit parade is from T3 Elbeau Tanglefoot Cook, an orderly in Co. C. of the ISCC.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good boy. I do a good turn daily in all four directions. I don't want much for Christmas. Just send me a list of what you've got and I will check off the items I want and send it back

Always, E. T. Cook

Dear Nick:

How about a pair of dice with revolving "sevens" on the reverse side. My old pair are getting too heavy.

Herbert

Dear Santa:

I am going to borrow a stocking from my girl friend in the W. A. A. C's for Christmas eve. If you fill it too full, put all the surplus in my barracks bag with the rest of my treasures.

Always, Cohen

Well, this is all for today in the way of letters but in closing I have again been forced by Colonel Swampwater to add a few of his original instructions.

1. Don't pay more than twice for those presents you are sending home to Mom and the girl friend.

2. Don't wait until December 24 to do your shopping.

3. Remember to eat, drink, and be merry through the holiday, but don't spoil someone else's fun by making him have to take time to carry you home.

## Strictly Back Fence

BY EVE

This is one of the moments when I wish I could violently thrust my stink at the typewriter to one of the numerous individuals who are so certain they could write a Pulitzer Prize novel if they could find a little time to dash it off. Or maybe I should offer the chore to the shy one who thinks writing a column must be a thrilling and exciting job.

If sweat and agony of words drawn out one by one is thrilling, I'm a perfect splash of bright fireworks. If an ash tray of cigarette butts, a pile of gnawed apple cores, dictionary, Roget's "Thesaurus," Webster's "Dictionary of Synonyms," Wooley's "Handbook of Composition," paper, clippings, unintelligible notes, frayed carbon paper and a wild-eyed woer of the elusive muse of creation, is a thrilling picture, I'm it.

The eternal question "why?" moaned by the desperate sounds, weird in the quiet night hours. The blame must be placed squarely on a grade school teacher who recklessly proselytized honor and glory for the written word of a silly girl with a fatuous grin and tight braids. It's been a lovely retreat and dream world these visions of applauding multitude, the crush of autograph seekers, Hollywood and all the glitter of fame.

Worried mothers should see the picture too. The cleanliness and decency of these young men in their youthful enthusiasm would leave a thought that a country which could produce men like these can look with hope to the future.

Now I'll make my dash to the refrigerator for a coke and bring an end to labors that should be dripping with glamour, but aren't.

I should like that sour-faced reporter to see the picture. As he accused our men of sinful fondness for spirituous liquors was insulting in the general application he used so freely. One looks at those soldiers gulping cokes and spooning up ice cream out of a paper cup with satisfied relish should send her to the back yard for a full burial of her prohibition schemes.

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# Door-To-Door Mail Delivery To Be Instituted During Yule Season

100 Extra Clerks  
Added To Force,  
Postal Officer Says

Fort Benning postal officials, backs bent from the most tremendous surge of pre-Christmas mail in the post's history, went home after working hours dog-tired this week and slept with exhaustion, but it is the responsibility of the postal workers to make sure those letters, packages and cards from back home get into the hands of the soldiers—before Christmas.

Then after eight hours of sleep they went back to work because a considerable portion of that weekly volume of letters postmarked in Fort Benning and it is the responsibility of the postal workers to make sure those letters, packages and cards from back home get into the hands of the soldiers—before Christmas.

To handle the tens of thousands of letters arriving daily at the weekly volume of letters postmarked in Fort Benning and it is the responsibility of the postal workers to make sure those letters, packages and cards from back home get into the hands of the soldiers—before Christmas.

Then, will be 35 "extra" postal post-clerks working at the 29th Infantry Regiment's motor pool where postal authorities have established temporary quarters to handle the packages and mail overflowing from the Army post office in the oil mill, main post office and the main postoffice. Twenty-two soldiers will augment the regular staff at the Army post office and another 40 extra soldiers and civilians will work at the main postoffice and other places where they will be needed during the Yule season.

**MAIL GROWING**  
"Every time the folks back home are taking Washington's advice and mailing early, because our Christmas mail is growing larger daily," Captain Joseph Twight, postal officer, declared this week in explaining preparations for handling the extra mail.

"We breaks our heart—and our backs though—is the fact that almost 15 per cent of the mail received by the Army postoffice is misdirected.

"Each mis-sent letter has been re-bought by one of our men and sent to all takes time, sometimes five minutes or longer. The Washington agencies sometimes are as bad as civilians in sending letters to the wrong post. Because military personnel is shifting constantly, keeping a correct mailing address is one of our chief problems," Captain Twight said.

The captain announced that the tremendous influx of Christmas mail at Fort Benning had resulted in a decision to institute home delivery of mail during the Christmas season. The mail will be delivered to the doors of officers and men during the period of post from about Dec. 12 until after Christmas. There is no home delivery usually because the volume of incoming mail does not warrant it, he said.

Postal officials expect the "peak" of Christmas mail will hit Fort Benning about Dec. 18 but with the augmented staff, officials are certain that every last letter and package will be where it belongs at Fort Benning by Christmas day.

**Travel Suggestions Are Given Soldiers**

The actions and conduct of men in uniform who are on a long journey make deep and unforgettable impressions on the civilians who share them, the discussions were voluminous.

Ten suggestions for traveling service men to follow are offered by Capt. T. C. Kahn, S. C., as a result of observations made while doing considerable traveling for the Government.

1. Don't talk before or while traveling. Nothing can give the Service a black eye faster than an inoxiated soldier.

2. Don't push in crowds, linger in dining cars or sit while ladies are standing. Chivalry and courtesy are always noticed and appreciated.

3. Don't be sloppy when you

## Name Of Heroic Fort Soldier Is Sought

The grateful parents of a young Talboton, Ga., lad are seeking the identity of a Fort Benning soldier who probably saved the child's life Sunday when he was attacked by a vicious German police dog.

The child is George Jacob, Jr., age 4 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Jacob. The Benning soldier was passing through Talboton when he saw the attack and hurriedly separated the dog from the youth.

The dog was killed and his head sent to Columbus to determine the possibility of rabies.

The soldier is being asked to communicate with the editors of the BAYONET at post headquarters.

## 29 Enlisted Men Advance

Promotion of 29 enlisted men of the 5th Armored Infantry was announced by Colonel William S. Eley, Regimental commander.

They are:

To be sergeants, Robert Friedman, Cpl. Hyman R. Karp, Cpl. Joseph McCarthy, Cpl. James P. Molto, all of Service Company; to be technician 4th grade and technician 5th grade respectively are Carl Nichols and Virgil Brown, also of Service Company.

Sgt. Edward Stief, to staff sergeant; Cpl. Hyman R. Karp, Cpl. Joseph McCarthy, Cpl. James Pitchford, to sergeant and Cpl. Pfc. Richard Banichar, both of Company I.

Sgt. Elmo Johnson, to staff sergeant; Cpl. Sherman Guyton to corporal; Cpl. Charles A. Grinn and Cpl. Theodore L. Lynch, both of Company G; Pfc. Richard E. Byrd to corporal, Company F.

Pvt. Edward McCray to sergeant; Pvt. Sherman Guyton to corporal; Pvt. Jack Malone to technicians 5th grade, all of Company B; Cpl. Charles A. Grinn and Cpl. Theodore L. Lynch, both of Company G; Pfc. Richard E. Byrd to corporal, Company F.

Pvts. Male Seigh and Everett Rea to technicians 5th grade, both of Company E; Pvt. Floyd Taylor, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, to corporal; Cpl. James Pitchford, to sergeant and Cpl. Frank Henderson and Darrell Collins to T-5th grade.

## PRIVATE PROMOTED

Three privates in the company command of the 11th Infantry received promotions this week according to an announcement by their company commander, Lt. Leonard Silwell. They are Robert J. McGinty of Flint, Michigan and Alvin A. Jones of Ft. Worth, Texas, both of whom are promoted to the rank of corporal; and George W. Hickman of Waynesville, North Carolina who was raised to corporal.

Travel Always be neat and in correct uniform.

4. Don't dirty seats, floors or situations, or sit with discarded papers and wrappers.

5. Don't chew gum vulgarly or noisily.

6. Don't smoke in cars not designated as smokers.

7. Don't talk nor shout, especially when others want to sleep.

8. Treat officers with the same respect as you would at your post. Officers should always set the example of proper conduct.

9. Don't go on a long trip and make all the necessary arrangements so you will not be a burden to others.

10. Do not discuss military matters or argue religion and politics with civilians. Your silence on military subjects will give them confidence in the Army.

11. Don't be sloppy when you

## "The Man" Play Starts Tonight

Soldier Actors Star In Columbus Show

Five enlisted men of Fort Benning will have important roles in the production by the Columbus Civic Theater of "The Man Who Would Be King." Military personnel will be issued only to house guests who voluntarily pay the fee for the licenses.

There will be two classes of permits, resident and non-resident. Resident permits will be issued only to members of the military family or house guests who voluntarily pay the fee for the licenses.

Special rates to service men of the Fort will be in effect for the three nights of the play, it is announced. A flat price of 25 cents has been set for all military personnel who will be issued

permits to the public.

The play is a comedy, written around a mythical visit by Alexander Woolcott, famous radio actor, lecturer, author and wit, to the home of the military class couple in Melville, Ohio. He comes on the doorstep, injuring his hip, and is forced to remain in the place for several weeks, much to the consternation of the townspeople and the amusement of audiences.

**CAST ASSURES HIT**

Corp. Owen J. Remington will portray the part of Sheridan Whiteside, the visiting celebrity, Corp. Solon Kielbasa as the young newspaperman who falls in love with Maggie, Whiteside's secretary, thereby motivating the entire play. Pfc. George Siegal plays the role of the doctor and Corp. Bert Bristol has the role of the radio station manager.

West Virginia Ray Martin has the highly funny role of "Banjo," the movie comic. All have had previous stage or acting experience in various parts of the country.

## Grey-

(Continued from Page One) and all efforts of these three women that the party will have a Christmas redolent with a home-like atmosphere. Many of the patients are away from home for the first time. Others will remember this Christmas in the hospital as the last holiday before discharge for overseas service.

It is certain that no one will be forgotten. The effort to personalize the gifts and make the entire hospital gala will mitigate a period which might be filled with tedious hours for many of the patients.

**55 CHRISTMAS TREES**

It is planned to set up eighty-five Christmas trees in the hospital area. Each will have its individual tree, which will be trimmed by the convalescent patients, the nurse on duty in the ward, and the patients themselves.

Each tree will be decorated with a variety of ornaments and lighted candles will light the entire period and decorate the small wall brackets.

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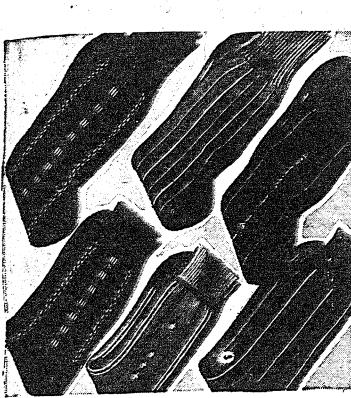
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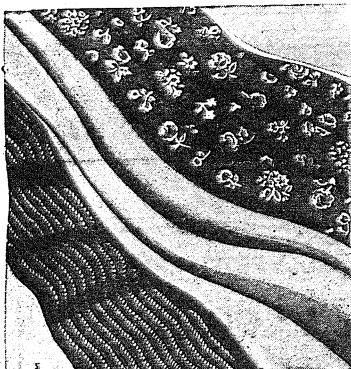
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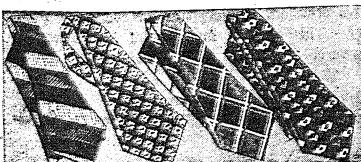
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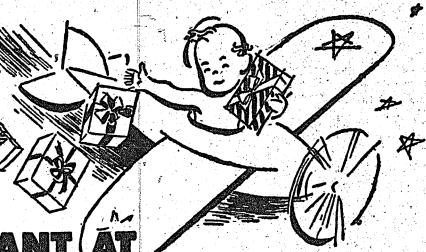
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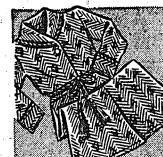
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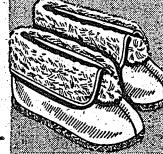
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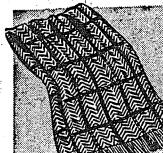
### WARDS BRANDON HATS LOOK BETTER 2.98

You'll like the smart styles, the new colors! And Brandonas are long-wearing FUR FELT!



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Pink or blue felt with rayon plush cuff to match. Padded leather soles. Sizes 1 to 5.



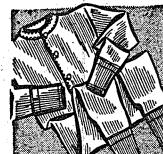
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What an assortment! Plaid! Striped! Prints! Soft wool with rayon; silk-like all rayon!



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Warm as Christmas cheer! Soft, all wool that wears and looks better! Snug cuffs and bottom.



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Men like the springy rib knit—the full, roomy sizes. Wards Health-guard make—tested for wear!



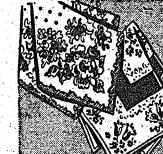
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# Champ Marathoner Still Runs at Fort

Pvt. Barney Holds 265 Trophies, Medals

When anybody is needed to run errands in the 22nd Station Hospital unit—they have a soldier there who likes literally to run them.

He's Pvt. Albert Barney, who thinks nothing of running 26 miles at a clip, and regularly, rain or shine, dashes off to run errands to keep in condition.

And he comes up puffing less than the average soldier who has to get into condition to make a five-mile hike as part of his training.

Pvt. Barney holds the New England A. A. record for the six-mile run, established just this November 27, when he ran from a field of 73 entrants at Waterbury, Conn., setting up a mark of 32 minutes and 11 seconds for the distance. He defeated the famed Johnny Kelley, who came in second, in setting this record.

It was back in 1930, when he was just 16, that Pvt. Barney, who lives at 404 Wellington ave., Providence, R. I., took up marathon running. His father dared him to run against a well known local lad, promising a bicycle if he won. He won the bike, and has been winning races—and dozens noticed from the air by the enemy.

If you occupy an observation post for several days, be sure not to make trails that can be seen by the enemy.

## 30 Medical Dept. Soldiers Earn Commissions

The Detachment, Medical Department, now boasts of almost 30 former members who this year have become commanding officers in practically all of the arms and services of the army.

This week, 2nd Lt. David C. Burke, former first sergeant of the Detachment, received his commission at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., completing the course in two weeks. Lt. Burke had gone to Fort Benning before going back to Carlisle Barracks for further study.

Lt. Burke was graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio where he played varsity football and track, captaining both teams in his senior year. There began a graduate course of medicine at the University of Alabama and the University of Tennessee Medical School.

When war was declared, Lt. Burke was called into active service from the Ohio National Guard which was first organized before the clearing company of the 151st Medical Battalion.

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## New Orders Curb Conduct

### Officers, Non-Coms Charged With Job

A policy of close cooperation between the War and Navy departments in maintaining orderly conduct among members of all the armored forces has been reached, according to word from Washington this week.

The departments have agreed that members of the Army military police members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, shore patrols, and officers, non-commissioned officers and petty officers of the services shall be authorized and directed to take corrective measures to insure that first if necessary, in the case of any member of the armored forces committing a breach of the peace, disorderly conduct or any other offense which reflects discredit upon the service.

This announcement will be read to the command of all commands before Dec. 15 and, in addition, will be displayed on bulletin boards for a period of 30 days. The order will become effective on Dec. 15.

### TACTIC URGED

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## 11th Armored Wins Again

The 11th Armored Regiment's Personnel quiz team pulled another "believe it or not" last week at Service Club No. 2 when they came from behind in the closing minutes of a wild and crazy contest held every Wednesday night to tie the 9th Reconnaissance quiz team with each team netting 309 points. This is the second time in three weeks that the 11th team has won the trophy. The Army is to be congratulated for its record of defeat and win the right to compete again. Following the rest while a few of the officers teams compete, these same two teams will return and try to break the record.

The members of the 11th's team were Cpl. Joe Sullivan, Fred Borlan, Morse K. Johnson and Sgt. Walter Coss. The team representing the 9th Reconnaissance was made up of Pfc's Harry Hosack, McLeod Ross, Gerson Fishman and Sgt. Gerald Wilbur.

Corporal Jimon, the public relations officer served as master of ceremonies. Sgt. Jerry Tonkens acted as timer and Pfc Gene Lambur was scorer.

## 28 Shavetails Change Bars

Twenty-eight Second Lieutenants in the 10th Armored Division have been promoted to the rank of first lieutenants. The new promoted officers are:

First Lts. David Anderson, Alfred C. Bedford, Jr., Edmond B. Bradford, Arthur O. Brink, John C. Bush, Edward A. Carrigo, Jr., Americo O. Costantino, Edward M. Donahue, John E. Dubay, James C. Felice, Jack P. Gordon, Gordon Geiger, Raymond N. Herbert, Charles F. Heenan, Walton K. Holehouse, Raymond Kalgren, Robert A. Kellman, Joseph R. Kern, John M. Kidder, Albert R. Kriegsmann, Jr., Walter A. Ladd, James R. Ladd, Kenneth L. Mathewson, Melvin I. Marion, Mathew A. Marion, Jr., Harold H. Miller, Morris L. Watkins and Ray J. Yantis.

When leaving your observation position always go by a route different from which you came. The enemy may have discovered your tracks and be waiting for your return.

## 10 Officers Take Advanced Course

A total of 10 officers from the Second Student Training Regiment have entered the Battalion and Staff Officers' course offered by the Infantry School.

The group includes Lt. Col. Robert H. Garrison, 1st Vice Battalion; Major John J. Hagan, executive officer of the Fourth Battalion; Capt. Edward T. Johnson, adjutant of the First Battalion; and the following company commanders:

Robert L. Rowan, 1st Co.; William C. Sibley, 2nd Co.; Joshua V. Dailey, 20th Co.; E. A. P. McCarthy, 22nd Co.; Francis W. Goatley, 13th Co.; and Edward C. Elliott, Hq. and Hq. Co.

Li. Clampitt is a graduate of the first WAAC class at Fort Des Moines, Iowa and received her commission on July 20, a resident of Houston, Tex., and attended Texas University and was a teacher of physical education at a country High School before entering the service. She was assigned to Fort Des Moines before being assigned to the 2nd WAAC Training Center as physical training director.

Lt. Weems comes from Dickson, Tenn. She received a bachelors degree in physical education from Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee and a masters degree from Louisiana State University. She was formerly dance director at Northwestern Missouri State Teachers College and was personal instructor of Dutch School in New York City before entering service. She was a member of the third class at Fort Des Moines, graduating September 26.

The two officers express a keen interest and high regard for the Infantry School because many of their instructors are from the WAAC.

And the department has agreed that members of the Army military police members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, shore patrols, and officers, non-commissioned officers and petty officers of the services shall be authorized and directed to take corrective measures to insure that first if necessary, in the case of any member of the armored forces committing a breach of the peace, disorderly conduct or any other offense which reflects discredit upon the service.

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## Army May Send Enlisted Men To College

Joining the Army may mean a college education for a lot of enlisted men according to proposals now under study in Washington.

Discussing plans to select qualified enlisted men and send them to college in certain courses such as medicine, pre-medicine and science, Rep. John Sparkman, Alabama, a member of the House Committee on Military Affairs, outlined tentative plans in a report to the House prepared for him by the War Department.

Sparkman's report was as follows:

"The War Department plans to select qualified enlisted men as soldiers on an active-duty status in such numbers as it deems necessary for the training of specialists or individuals trained at the college level for Army requirements.

"I have questioned, stopping right there, the qualifications for this procedure because I feel that essential needs should be taken care of. So I am told this in addition to that:

"In determining the number of men that the Army will send to college, we recognize that there will be a continuing need for some men in the type of training to meet civilian and industrial requirements. The Army plans, therefore, to increase the number of men to train for its own requirements by a predetermined percentage in order to assist in relieving critical shortages of men with college training by the release of a limited number from the Army.

### PREREQUISITES

"Men will be selected for training under this program on the basis of previous education, results of scholastic aptitude and achievement tests, and under tests of leadership and aptitude for military service as demonstrated by their record of service in the Army.

Selection will be made from the Army at large and it will be accomplished by means of a system similar to that now in effect for the selection of candidates for the officer candidate school. And men will be selected without regard to their financial status. Preference will be given to soldiers in the younger age group because of their more recent school experience and of the longer potential value to the Army. The Army will maintain those selected while at college. They will be under military control and the Army will prescribe the courses to be pursued. The courses will vary in length from 27 months and probably extend for a longer period. The principal subjects will be medical and premedical, engineering, and science. It is expected that this program will be initiated about February 1, 1943."

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## May Curtail Phone Calls

### Personnel Requested To Make Voluntary Cuts Or Else

Official action restricting telephone calls, both local and long distance is in prospect at Fort Benning this week, according to the executives using telephone.

The executives using telephone are requested to voluntary steps immediately to curtail unnecessary calls.

Military authorities at Fort Benning this week reiterated two previous warnings that the situation is serious and cautioned everyone at Fort Benning "to think twice before they make the next telephone call and to ask themselves 'is it necessary?'

Their appeal was emphasized by the recent fire in Service Club 1 which deprived military personnel of the use of a long distance switchboard and eight telephone switchboards in the club. Until larger space can be found for the switchboard, three temporary self-serving booths have been installed in the gym on the post proper, telephone officials announced, but even with the re-installation of more booths facilities will have to be taxed by the number of calls.

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offered to buy themselves 10 percent of the total bonds bought by the company. Their little problem is to find a way to keep the sales bond up.

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The Third Battalion of the Regiment did something no other Officer Candidate battalion on the post has done before by subordinating all six companies in the battalion to the Fourth Battalion.

Five of its companies have 100 percent of their personnel signed on the dotted line on pay reservations, while the sixth company is filled with men who have signed on the top.

The 16th Company is commanded by Lt. Col. Frederick E. Johnson, while Lt. Edward G. Schmitt is the battalion bond officer.

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